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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS The market tone was steady to weak on hens and toms. Offers were uneven and varied sharply from plant to plant. Trading was spotty and prices were erratic. Weighted average prices for current week trading were lower on hens and toms in the East and Central regions when compared to a week ago and a year ago. In the West, less than truck lot volumes of hens and toms moved at higher prices than the previous week and year. Bulk parts and meat trading centered on less than truck lot volumes in a wide range of prices.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Trading was active on tom drums to the border and fair to Russia and Asia. Five loads of fresh tom drums moved to the border at open prices. Frozen thigh meat moved to the border in a wide range of prices as permits were filled before the upcoming holiday week. A fair volume of tom full cut wings and v-type wings traded to Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 14, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-73	73	73.00	80	-	-	-	80	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

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EASTERN REGION 3/	66-71	67	67.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-75	72-75	73.13	320	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-76	76	76.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-68	68	68.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	72.41	76.17	73.35
CENTRAL REGION	73.13	74.58	73.41
WESTERN REGION	76.00	74.70**	75.30**

16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	67.75	65.50
CENTRAL REGION	64.60**	65.64	67.00
WESTERN REGION	68.00	65.00	67.70**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-111
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104-111
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-129

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 18-DEC-2000

PER POUND, WEEK OF 18-DEC-2000	(8-16#)		(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	85.33	4576	79.07	3090
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	85.33	4576	79.07	3090
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		1040		360

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

NOVEMBER 472,397*
DECEMBER 1-9, 2000 134,454*

To date 2000 5,058,327*
To date 1999 4,805,922*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD—</u>		<u>WT</u>
N EAST	930	8	21.24	(A)	(A)	933	21.24
S ATL	908	-3	26.92	(A)	(A)	911	26.92
N CENT	2,543	1	27.57	(A)	(A)	2,548	27.57
S CENT	465	-5	22.18	(A)	(A)	469	22.18
WEST	640	-9	22.37	(A)	(A)	643	22.37
U.S.TOTAL	5,486 (B)	0	25.33	0	17	5,503	25.33
TO DATE							
2000	242,067 (B)			166	1,219	243,452	
TO DATE							
1999	239,750 (B)			55	1,813	241,618	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 49,000; for the year 1,691,000; last year to date 731,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,556	2,881	49	17	5,503
AVG WT	15.32	24.23	24.02	27.51	20.10
LAST WEEK	2,415	3,014	68	13	5,510
YR AGO	4,551 (B)		0	47	4,598
AVG WT	24.62 (B)		0.00	26.81	24.65
TO-DATE/2000	240,542 (B)		1,691	1,219	243,452
TO-DATE/1999	239,074 (B)		731	1,813	241,618

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading activity continues to be slow to develop. Demand mixed and in a full range from light to good, mostly moderate. The trade sentiment for parts and meats steady to weak. Most buyers approaching the market with caution and bidding lower. Effects from a major winter storm in the Midwest continues to disrupt schedules and transportation. Offerings more than sufficient for current needs. Export sales light. Sales going to export channels centered on tom drums to Mexico and full cut wings and mechanically frozen turkey to Russia.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	100.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	95.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	26.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	44.00		44.00	12
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	12
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	149.25	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	154.00		154.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	71.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		R	138.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	159.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	59.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	18.79	760
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.50-23.00		22.64	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.50	468
TAILS		W	23.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00		23.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	73.78	360

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment steady to weak on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Demand light to instances fair as some further processors work extended late week processing schedules to cover unexpected logistical issues. Domestic bulk parts demand and trading light and consisted mostly of mixed loads. Light volumes of tails traded at 21.50-25 cents delivered domestic. Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts steady to weak with only limited inquiry and trading noted at lower price levels. Export demand and trading greatly improved on thigh meat and drums for prompt shipments to Mexico in response to the new permits and the upcoming holidays. Export interest was also noted for Russia and Asia. Open priced export fresh tom trading light.

TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	DOMESTIC WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00		96.00	40	96.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	40	94.63	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00-28.00		26.32	44	23.45	146
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	22.00-24.00		23.18	34	23.18	34
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	12	20.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-26.00		23.70	124	23.90	136
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.50	40	27.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	44.00	12	44.65	34
NECKS, TOM	20.00-25.00		22.31	104	21.84	226
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	14	17.00	28
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	152.00		152.00	40	149.90	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.50-157.00		156.25	80	161.56	540
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	71.00		71.00	54	71.00	74
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00-118.00		116.67	120	117.20	200
SCAPULA MEAT	109.00		109.00	40	109.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	138.00-144.00		141.00	80	143.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	159.50	40	159.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	57.00-62.00		59.86	70	59.55	110
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	22.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.43	140	18.89	900
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-24.00		23.29	1,320	23.53	1,960
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00-19.50		19.33	156	20.18	444
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50		25.50	312	25.50	312
TAILS		W	23.00	120	22.60	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	23.00	200	23.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00-77.00		74.20	200	73.75	640

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